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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Corinth, Mississippi,
5 Battlefield Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) the 14 sites located in the vicinity of Cor-
4 inth, Mississippi, that were designated as a National
5 Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior
6 in 1991 represent nationally significant events in the
7 Siege and Battle of Corinth during the Civil War;
8 and

9 (2) the Landmark sites should be preserved and
10 interpreted for the benefit, inspiration, and edu-
11 cation of the people of the United States.

12 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pro-
13 vide for a center for the interpretation of the Siege and
14 Battle of Corinth and other Civil War actions in the region
15 and to enhance public understanding of the significance
16 of the Corinth Campaign in the Civil War relative to the
17 Western theater of operations, in cooperation with State
18 or local governmental entities and private organizations
19 and individuals.

20 **SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT CORINTH, MIS-**
21 **SISSIPPI.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior
23 (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) is authorized
24 to acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appro-
25 priated funds, or exchange, such lands or interests therein
26 in the vicinity of the Corinth Battlefield in the State of

1 Mississippi, as the Secretary determines necessary for the
2 construction of an interpretive center to commemorate and
3 interpret the 1862 Civil War Siege and Battle of Corinth:
4 *Provided*, That such lands or interests therein shall only
5 be acquired with the consent of the owner thereof.

6 (b) PUBLICLY OWNED LANDS.—Lands and interests
7 in lands owned by the State of Mississippi or a political
8 subdivision of the State of Mississippi may be acquired
9 only by donation.

10 **SEC. 4. INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND MARKING.**

11 (a) CONSTRUCTION OF CENTER.—The Secretary is
12 authorized to construct, operate, and maintain on the
13 property acquired under section 3 a center for the inter-
14 pretation of the Siege and Battle of Corinth and associ-
15 ated historical events. The center shall include interpretive
16 exhibits and such other features as may be necessary for
17 public appreciation and understanding of the Siege and
18 Battle of Corinth.

19 (b) MARKING.—The Secretary may mark sites associ-
20 ated with the Siege and Battle of Corinth National His-
21 toric Landmark, as designated on May 6, 1991, if such
22 sites are determined by the Secretary to be protected by
23 State or local governmental agencies.

24 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The lands and interests in
25 lands acquired, and the facilities constructed and main-

1 tained pursuant to this Act shall be administered by the
2 Secretary as a part of Shiloh National Military Park,
3 subject to the appropriate laws and regulations applicable
4 to the park, the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535,
5 chapter 408; 16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), and the Act of August
6 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666, chapter 593; 16 U.S.C. 461 et
7 seq.).

8 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), there
10 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
11 essary to carry out this Act.

12 (b) CONSTRUCTION.—Of the amounts made available
13 to carry out this Act, not more than \$6,000,000 may be
14 used to carry out section 4(a).

Passed the Senate November 17 (legislative day, No-
vember 2 1993.

Attest:

Secretary.